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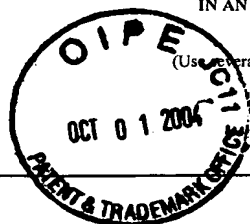
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAM- INER INI- TIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	4,854,302	08/08/89	Allred, III	128	6	
	AB	4,921,326	05/01/90	Wild <i>et al.</i>	350	96.26	
	AC	5,486,155	01/23/96	Muller <i>et al.</i>	600	137	
	AD	5,630,784	05/20/97	Siegmund <i>et al.</i>	600	160	
	AE	5,690,605	11/25/97	Hamlin <i>et al.</i>	600	109	
	AF	6,393,431	05/21/02	Salvati <i>et al.</i>	707	104.1	
	AG	6,478,730	11/12/02	Bala <i>et al.</i>	600	121	
	AH	6,527,704	03/04/03	Chang <i>et al.</i>	600	112	
	AI	6,561,973	05/13/03	Bala	600	178	
	AJ	6,659,940	12/09/03	Adler	600	109	
	AK	2002/0013513	01/31/02	Bala			01/05/01

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
	AL	WO 94/14367	07/07/94	PCT			
	AM	WO 99/35960	22 Jul 99	PCT			
	AN	WO 00/13568	16 Mar 00	PCT			
	AO	WO 01/19235	22 Mar 01	PCT			
	AP	WO 01/22866	05 Apr 01	PCT			
	AQ	EP 0 316 244	17 May 89	European			
	AL2	EP 0 511 805	11 Apr 92	European			

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AR	Rol, P. <i>et al.</i> , "Optical Properties of Miniaturized Endoscopes for Ophthalmic Use", <i>Optical Engineering</i> , Vol. 34, No. 7, pp. 2070-2077, July 1995.

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